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REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

ON

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION'S ACT,

READ JULY 1, 1850.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Toronto, in Common Council assembled :

The Select Committee, appointed to consider and report upon the Amendments it is expedient should be made in "An Act to provide by one General Law for the erectionof Municipal Corporations, &c," beg leave to report :

That in the opinion of your Committee, it is expedient that a petition be presented by this Council to the Legislature, praying for the following Amendments to the said Act, so far as regards the City of Toronto :

1st. To restore the ~~regulation~~ registration of voters ~~ing~~ in this City previous to the passage of the said Act.

2nd. To restore the qualification of voters to the amount required before the passage of this Act, namely, a freehold or yearly tenant of £10, and to allow them to vote in all the wards in which they have property, ~~in fee simple, rateable £10 or upwards.~~ as aforesaid

3rd. To restore the number of Aldermen heretofore elected for each Ward in the City, namely, two.

4th. To unite the offices of High Bailiff and ~~High~~ Chief Constable, or to dispense with the new office of High Bailiff.

5th. To give the Council authority to regulate the number of Assessors and Collectors.

6th. To give authority to the Council to erect New Wards, by the division of Old Wards, as may seem most convenient.

7th. To give authority to the Council to impose special rates for local purposes, upon the petitions of two-thirds of the inhabitants interested, for the establishment of a Night Watch, Opening Roads or Streets, and other matters of a purely local nature.

8th. To give authority to the Council to impose a rate for the purpose of creating a sinking fund, to pay off out-standing Debentures, in the same manner as is now provided for debts actually due, with authority to appropriate the same in the purchase of Debentures at current value.

~~9th. To authorize the Council to establish a Quarantine, or Health Department, for the reception of Immigrants labouring under infectious diseases.~~

~~9th. To give authority to the Mayor or Aldermen to impose and enforce penalties for selling Beer and other liquors not spirituous without license.~~

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. THOMPSON,
Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
July 1, 1850.

9th To give Authority to the Council to pass an Act to impose a Tax on Insurance Companies The funds to be ~~raised~~ to be applied towards maintaining a Fire Department.

10th To give the Corporation the Power of appointing all their Officers Subject, ~~in~~ the case of the Recorder, to the approbation of the Governor in Council.

11th To give Authority to the Municipal Council to take Stock in or otherwise aid by their funds and credit any Rail Roads or other Public Works in which the prosperity of the Locality ~~Corporation~~ Municipality may be concerned

12th That the Aldermen of all Cities and Towns be authorised to Act as Justices of the Peace ex officio

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